

ODEBOLT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2005

City Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Rex called the meeting to order with the following Council in attendance: Thompson, Hansen, Bengford, Scott and Hemphill. Also in attendance were: Randy Babcock, Jeff Holmes, P. Dale Gronemeyer, Howard E. Hustedt, Melissa Pierce, Al Wilke, Supt. Bill Tysor and Chief Bruce Henderson.

Moved by Thompson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hemphill. All ayes. Moved by Scott and seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes of the 2 previous meetings. All ayes. Moved by Hemphill and seconded by Thompson to approve the bills as presented. All ayes.

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Public Safety	\$ 5,550.47
Garbage	2,034.43
Recycling	1,230.85
Road Fund	3,954.83
Sewer	4,286.69
Water	4,580.88
Sales Tax	620.48
General Fund	<u>6,079.64</u>
Total	\$28,338.27

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS

Utilities	\$22,759.51
Taxes	757.42
Road Fund	8,918.50
Interest	16.09
Refund (Haz. Mit.)	1,125.00
Misc.	<u>741.69</u>
	\$34,318.21

Howard Hustedt addressed the Council and stated that the dedication of the new Community Center is scheduled for June 4, 2005. Their theme is "A Glimpse of Yesterday, A Glean for Tomorrow. The committee is in the process of making a brochure and would like to include the plans for removal of the old buildings downtown. They would appreciate any input on this or any other ideas the City may wish to include for the betterment of Odebolt.

Melissa Pierce addressed the Council about a recent article she read in the Sioux City Journal concerning motorized scooters. She was in hopes that the City would pass a similar ordinance. The Mayor stated that the City would make contact with Sioux City for further details.

Jeff Holmes addressed the Council about the progress of citywide mail delivery. The Mayor stated that the city is very much in favor of house-to-house delivery but nothing more is in progress concerning citywide curbside delivery.

P. Dale Gronemeyer addressed the Council with his concerns about closing 1 St. Street, and the maintenance of the railroad crossing on Walnut and Main. The crossings are scheduled to be fixed this spring/summer. The new bin on 1st Street will bring in an additional \$7,300.00-\$7,500.00 tax dollars. Due to needed repairs on 1st Street, the

Mayor commented that this would be a good investment for the City as it would be turning a liability into an asset.

At 8:00 p.m., the Mayor opened the Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 05/06.

Randy Babcock presented a permit application for a 105' diameter steel bin for Farmers Coop. Property owners have been contacted by Coop personnel concerning the proposed construction of the bin and consequently the necessary closing of 1st Street from Maple to Walnut. Bengford commented that the street should be purchased from the City. Following much discussion it was moved by Bengford and seconded by Thompson to approve the application pending the restriction that an agreement be reached on the price of the street and that proper legal format be adhered to. Four ayes. Hemphill abstained.

Al Wilke presented the quote for renewal of the City's insurance policy. Following discussion and questions it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Hemphill to accept the quote of \$18,825.00 for the upcoming year. The Workers' Compensation portion does not renew until July 1, 2005. Res. #05.08. All ayes. Howard Hustedt brought on for discussion additional coverage for the Fire Department personnel. He will get more information and present bids at a future meeting.

Two notices will be sent to abate nuisances.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing on the proposed budget. No citizens were present for or against the proposed budget. Following discussion it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Bengford to adopt the budget as published. Res. #05.07. All ayes.

The Mayor brought on for discussion the option of the one-cent Local Option Sales Tax. This could bring in an additional \$43,000.00 for the City of Odebolt. The first step is to present a petition to the County Supervisors who will call for a special election and then each town will vote individually as to whether or not they wish to participate. The money can be as the city designates, for example: tax relief, street improvements, water and sewer lines, downtown betterment and any such designated item as provided by law. Many people who shop out of town are already paying this tax in other towns and supporting their projects.

The Police report was reviewed. Discussion was had on STOP sign violations.

Discussion was had on changing the pool from gas to liquid chlorine. Bids will be available at a future meeting. The filters also need attention.

Moved by Bengford and seconded by Hansen to place an embargo – no trucks over 14 ton – on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street March 1 through June. Res. # 05.09. All ayes.

Fire Chief Tysor commented that the Fire Dept. and the ODC are working together to get fire works for Creek Days to celebrate the Fire Department's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Moved by Scott and seconded by Hemphill to accept the recommendations of the Recreation Committee as follows: (All ayes) The bottom of the baby pool needs some repair. This will be done when the pool is drained. The paint on the pool bottom under the slide will be repainted when the pool is drained.

The following lifeguards were selected: Cory Duff, Kara Schroeder, Kara Kelly, Rachel Hansen, Kim Neumann, Chelsea Larson, Paige Iversen, Alison Hansen, Kayla

Down, and Tayli Thompson. The following basket room people were selected: Seth Duff, Leah Carlson, Kate Olson, Jamie Scott, Brianna Carlson and Jordan Walsh.

It was decided to remove the pop machines. Pop will be available from the basket room. A fund-raiser may be conducted for equipment at the pool during Creek Days.

Changes were made in admittance fees: A family pass will be \$60.00 before June 1 and will increase to \$70.00 on June 1. A single person pass will be \$35.00 for the season. An adult daily pass will be \$2.50. Anyone under 13 will pay \$1.50. Red Cross lessons will cost \$15.00.

The pool will open Memorial Day if the weather is good and will close when the College students go back to school.

A thank you was read from the 0-A After Prom.

At 9:26 p.m. it was moved by Hansen and seconded by Hemphill to adjourn. All ayes.

R.J. Rex, Mayor

Joan Godbersen, City Clerk